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350 FILINGS ON NORTH PLATTE PROJECT REPORTED UP TO TONIGHT

Fifty Filings on One Piece—First Sale of Big Land Auction Is on This Afternoon

Andrew Weiss, an official in the United States reclamation office at Mitchell, reported to the Herald by telephone today that there have been over 300 filings on the land in the North Platte Valley project up to noon today and that the number will in all probability be increased by fifty this afternoon.

Fifty filings were made on one of the choicest units of the project.

In Alliance the local land office has had all the business they could take care of and will put on extra help tomorrow when the drawing takes place.

Although the number of visitors in Alliance the past few days has not been so large as was expected, there have been several hundred people here investigating both the land drawing and the auction sale propositions.

Investigations made by parties interested and information received from points east of Omaha lead the local land men to anticipate several hundred more visitors in the next two days who are not interested in the drawing but are coming for the auction sale which lasts till the 29th.

For several days visitors have been driven out in autos over Box Butte county and shown the land which is to be sold at the auction. The sale was to have started yesterday but in order that late comers might see the land and have an opportunity to bid with the rest, both morning and afternoon were taken up in trips out through the country and the sale began this afternoon.

Shortly after dinner the Alliance Band gave a concert at the corner of Box Butte and Third and the sale began at 2 o'clock. Col. Paschel, of Des Moines, Ia., being in charge and being assisted by H. P. Coursey and Jack Miller.

Knockers from nearby towns prompted by an insane jealousy of Alliance, the biggest little city in the country, have been here for several days doing their "dirtiest" but it is not believed their work will have much influence. Box Butte county has the goods at the price and is in a position to show and prove the statements made in behalf of the land for sale. The buyers have been shown the land, and have had an opportunity to talk to farmers who came here with nothing, from supposedly good farming communities and who have made more here in a few years than they could have hoped to have made in a lifetime where they came from.

Facts like these are hard to get away from and the knockers are having a hard time to go up against the facts available here.

FIRE TOURNAMENT

Fire Department and Commercial Club to Co-operate in Entertainment Unique and Interesting

As a part of the entertainment to be given during the stockmen's annual convention, the week of June 26, the Commercial Club, Alliance, co-operating with the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, is planning to provide a volunteer fire department tournament, to be participated in by departments from western Nebraska and all over the state, if desired.

The matter of securing the sanction of the state association has been taken up by John W. Guthrie, second vice president, and there is no doubt that the official sanction will be given.

The Alliance boys are state champions, having won the belt at the last state tournament. The program would include athletic contests of various kinds among the picked teams from different departments. The contest would prove a big drawing card.

WEATHER REPORT

By Gov't Observer Hicks

Table with 3 columns: Date, Maximum, Minimum. Rows for March 16-22.

STECKER MAY BE FEATURE DURING BIG CONVENTION

As a special feature for the celebration to be held in connection with the annual convention of the Nebraska Stock Growers' Association in June it is quite probable that an exhibition will be staged by Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Nebr., the world's champion heavyweight wrestler.

Negotiations are now under way between the Alliance Commercial Club and Stecher for this event, but signed contracts which have been mailed to Stecher have not yet been returned.

The convention dates are June 20 and 21, and the celebration will be staged the three following days. If Stecher comes he will be here the 22d, the first day of the celebration.

The exhibition will be put on by the champion and his brother.

FIREWORKS PARADE FOR ELECTRIC WELCOME SIGN

Parade Saturday Night Will Be Followed by Addresses and Concert at Box Butte and 8d

Alliance's electric welcome sign is being hung this week and will be ready for the celebration planned in its honor. This celebration will take place Saturday night and will consist of a parade starting at 7:55, at First and Box Butte. This will be a fireworks parade and in it will be members or committees from the organizations contributing to the cost of the sign, headed by flag bearers and the Alliance \$3500 auto fire truck. The organizations referred to are the Fire Department, Alliance Band, T. P. A.'s, Boy Scouts, Commercial Club, Royal Highlanders, Odd Fellows, O. R. C. and Eagles.

The line of march will be from First to Fifth streets and return to Third street, where short addresses will be made by Mayor P. E. Romig in behalf of the city and R. M. Hampton in behalf of the Commercial Club, after which an open air concert will be given by the Alliance Concert Band, under the direction of Prof. John Havlik.

FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

New Officers Elected Wednesday Night for Ensuing Year for Alliance Volunteer Dept.

At the regular meeting of the Alliance fire department, held Wednesday evening at the club rooms, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: F. D. McCormick, president; Ward Hall, vice president; Percy Reifson, secretary; R. C. Gladson, treasurer; George Keiser, trustee; Leonard Pilkington, chief; Ward Hall, foreman company number 1; Art Schieb, assistant; Frank Merritt, foreman company number 2; Carl Rokey, assistant; foreman hook and ladder, Frank Strickland; Harold Snyder, assistant. The new officers will take their obligations and be installed at the first meeting in April.

Representative Naylor Here

Charles Naylor of Chadron, representative in the state legislature from the district comprised of Dawes and Sioux counties, one of the most popular men in western Nebraska politics, stopped over in Alliance Tuesday on his way home from California in response to a telegram stating that his brother was very ill. Mr. Naylor was in Mexico last week and reports that the border is quiet along lower California.

Roth Makes Correction

Paul Roth, who was mentioned in the Herald last week in connection with the write-up of the attempt to re-open the bawdy houses in Alliance, has asked the Herald to state that he believed he was treated unduly hard in the report of the arrests. Mr. Roth states that while he plead guilty in police court to a disorderly charge he did not act in the capacity of an outside solicitor for the house. The Herald is pleased to publish the statement for Mr. Roth, for his general reputation has always been good and believes that the experience will prove a lesson to him.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

W. J. BRYAN TO SPEAK IN ALLIANCE

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, IN MAKING CAMPAIGN THROUGH NEBRASKA, WILL VISIT SEVERAL CITIES IN THE WESTERN PART OF STATE

TO BE IN ALLIANCE, TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

In making his campaign tour of the state, prior to the primary election, ex-Secretary of State W. J. Bryan will be in western Nebraska the fore part of April. Postmaster Robert Graham has received word from Mr. Bryan that he will be in Scottsbluff, Monday, April 3, and will stop in Alliance between trains on Tuesday, April 4, enroute to Broken Bow.

In order that Mr. Bryan may have ample time in Alliance for an address, Mr. Graham will go to Scottsbluff by automobile on Monday, and return that night or the next morning with Mr. Bryan across country. We cannot announce at this writing at what hour or where Mr. Bryan will deliver an address in this city, but we can definitely announce that he will be here on Tuesday, April 4, and speak.

This will give the people of Alliance and the surrounding country an opportunity to hear the issues of the day discussed by America's foremost orator, and no doubt thousands of people will want to take advantage of the opportunity to hear him.

Definite announcement of the hour and place of the address will be made in The Herald next week.

LARGE CROWD AT SAFETY MEETING

That the public in general is interested in the work of "Safety First" was amply demonstrated Sunday night when the Phelan opera house was filled to overflowing several minutes before the time for the special "Safety First" meeting, planned by local members of the Burlington Safety First committee, to begin. A large number were turned away. The attendance was greater than those who had planned the meeting had dared anticipate.

Good special music was a feature of the program and splendid addresses were made by E. M. Switzer, of Chicago, superintendent of the Burlington Safety First department, and by Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the local Christian church.

Mayor Romig presided at the meeting announcing the various numbers on the program.

The first number was the rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" by an orchestra under the leadership of Paul Thomas. The next was a song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The verses were sung by a male quartet composed of Prof. John Havlik, Rev. H. J. Young, B. V. Reeves and J. B. Irwin, and the audience joined in the chorus with the orchestra accompaniment. A prayer was then offered by Rev. Layton, pastor of the Baptist church, followed by another selection by the quartet and a vocal solo by Mrs. J. S. Rhein.

Mr. Switzer was then introduced, and he made a short address explaining the Safety First movement of the Burlington system and telling of the results attained.

Mr. Switzer explained that there are four parties directly interested in the Safety First: the government, the manufacturer or employer, the em-



SUPT. W. M. WEIDENHAMER

Mr. Weidenhamer is superintendent of the Alliance division of the Burlington railroad. He is an ardent advocate of "Safety First" and took an active part in carrying out the plans which made a huge success of the meeting.

Several years recognized their responsibility in the matter and have made much progress in working out plans for Safety First. The third party, the employe, is beginning to realize his responsibility as a result of the special work being done by the various Safety First departments of the big railroads and other industries. (Continued on page 4)

SYSTEM IN THE MARKETING OF SPUDS MEANS BETTER PRICES

CLEANUP PAINT-UP April 10th to 15th

These are the dates, Monday to Saturday, April 10 to 15, set aside by the City of Alliance and the Alliance Commercial Club for "Cleanup and Paint-up" week. These are the official dates for the whole state and it is expected Governor Morehead will issue a proclamation to that effect in a few days.

Plan your spring outside cleaning for this week and if you plan more improvements than you can make in one week, at least start the work during this week and when spring really gets here and the grass is green, the trees have leaved and the flowers are in bloom we may well be proud of the appearance of the biggest little city in the country.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR GARDENING IN SCHOOLS

Credits Will Be Allowed for Work in This Department—Will Have Down Town Market

Gardening is to be a regular part of the school work in the grades and high school of the Alliance public schools from this on. At least the plans for taking up the work at once are about completed and if the management considers the first year's work a success it will be made a permanent part of the school work.

The work will be in charge of Professor E. Q. Perry, who is the instructor in the agricultural department of the school, and the local management will have the co-operation of the United States government through the University of Nebraska.

The local school board had decided definitely to take up this work and were just beginning to lay out the plans when they received word that Alliance is one of twelve schools in the state which had been selected by the government as schools in which they would like to see the work taken up and which they would extend every assistance possible.

No financial assistance will be extended by the government but experts in this line of work will be sent out from time to time to give special lectures and instruction with regard to the work and to offer suggestions.

The work is not compulsory, being purely optional with the students, but credits will be allowed on the regular school grades to those students participating in the gardening project. In the grade schools a credit of three percent will be added to the arithmetic and also on the language grades of those students growing a garden of 100 square feet, and five per cent for those growing 200 square feet or more providing the work is done properly and according to the instructions. In the high school a credit of one point will be allowed if the work is done according to the instructions of the supervisor.

The gardening will be done at the homes, and each student will be required to keep accurate records and submit reports with a written account of how the work was done and the results obtained.

Prizes will be offered by the Commercial Club, school board and Woman's Club for the student making the most money, for the one who writes the best account of his work, for the one raising the most and best of specified vegetables. This list has not yet been completed.

Mr. Perry, who will be in charge of the work, will be in Alliance all summer. The work in this department begins with the spring planting, runs through the entire summer and ends with the fall harvest. Students will be required to keep their ground working. That is, to engage in "intensive farming" as it is termed in the thickly settled regions of the east and in the old country, and as fast as one crop or a part of it is harvested another will be started.

As soon as the garden truck is ready for the market proper arrangements will be made in the business district for the students to dispose of their products at a fair price. The details of these plans are also yet to be worked out.

Full line of potted plants at the Alliance Greenhouse.

Question Will Be Discussed by Government Expert at Meeting March 31

Marketing of western Nebraska's main crop, the spud, a question of vital importance to every citizen of this section of the country and especially to the farmers, will be discussed at a special meeting to be held in the district court room at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 31.

That western Nebraska has been made the "goat" for commission merchants, potato buyers and speculators for years is the opinion of many who are in touch with those things and an effort is going to be made to change the conditions. It is said that many of the big markets Box Butte county and western Nebraska are given credit for any poor batch of spuds shipped in from any direction, east, north or west, and that we are not given the credit due us for the fine specimens that comprise a large proportion of the shipments sent out from here. This procedure it is thought is largely responsible for the unreasonably low prices frequently prevailing.

Parties who have made investigations, who have made a study of the matter and are in a position to know, state that western Nebraska spuds average, car for car, better than those shipped from any other section. They also state that this average is rapidly being improved and it is hoped that plans may be formulated at this meeting which will eventually result in much greater demands and correspondingly higher market prices on our spuds.

It has been suggested that if the potato growers will organize that the first step in this direction will be taken. It is also suggested that if in the event of such organization the members will adopt the plan of sorting their product and disposing of the culls by feeding or in unlabeled shipments, while the cream of the product bears the label "Sorted, Graded and Inspected by the Northwest Nebraska Potato Growers Association," that it will be only a short time till buyers everywhere will begin to demand our potatoes, and local growers will begin to reap a reasonable reward for their hard work.

At this meeting, the 31st, C. E. Bassett, of the United States Department of Markets and Rural Organization, will be present and make an address on the subject. The government has made an exhaustive study of similar conditions with various crops all over the country and Mr. Bassett is one of the best informed men in the country. He comes here enroute back east from California, where he has spent two months in his official capacity in the interest of the fruit growers' associations of that region.

This question is of direct interest to every farmer and land owner, of equal importance to the business men and indirectly a matter in which every citizen is concerned. A small advance per bushel in the price of spuds to the local growers means in the aggregate, thousands of dollars to this community each year.

TO DEBATE AT CRAWFORD

Winners of Crawford Meet Will Debate with Winners of Sidney-Ogallala Contest

The three local winners of the high school contest held a few weeks ago are to go to Crawford tomorrow and enter into a debate with three from the Crawford school. The students to go from Alliance are Misses Charlotte Mollring and Hannah Cotant, and Homer Barnes, with Oral Harvey as alternate if one of the three are unable to go.

Prof. A. P. Stockdale, who has had the team in charge, will also go to Crawford, and Mrs. W. E. Cotant will go as chaperone. The winners of this debate will meet the winners of the Sidney-Ogallala contest, and the team that carries off the laurels of this contest will represent this district at Lincoln in May, when they will compete for the state championship.

We will be glad to see the young people carry off the honors and expect that they will not stop until they bring home the state prize. It is in them to accomplish such a feat, and nothing but the "best" should be their aim. As much credit is due their director as the efforts of these students.